Export of MICA Scrap

2791. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Mica Exporters Association (BMEA) has called for the removal of curbs on the export fo mica scrap/waste and for revision of the minimum export price of mica products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the government in this regard;

(d) the foreign exchange earned by the export of mica during each of the last three years; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Bihar Mica Exporters Association, Giridi has represented requesting for decontrol of export of mica scrap/waste and review of MEP for mica flakes/power.

(c) There is no proposal presently under consideration for a further review of the export policy of mica scrap/waste. MEP for mica and mica products, including mica flakes/power is reviewed periodically.

(d) Export of mica and mica products during the last three years has been as under:-

Year	*Value (in Rs. lakh)*
1988-90	5027
1989-90	5123
1990-91	5153

(e) Review of the Export Policy and minimum export prices in respect of mica and mica products, settling up of downstream projects, for manufacture of finished mica products for export and establishment of R&D Centre are some of the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase export of mica and mica products.

Task force for development of Powerlooms

2792. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any task force has been set up by the Government to assess the existing development of credit to powerlooms in the decentralised sectors and to augment its availability for their modernisation and working capital; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Task Force Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Textiles in May, 1987. The main purpose of the Task Force Committee was to study and recommended schemes for making available credit to decentralised powerloom sector, and to assess the requirement of working capital and credit, and make special recommendations regarding measures to be taken to augment swift credit to the decentralised powerloom sector.

Major recommendations of the Task Force Committee had been that one time requirement of funds for working capital and for modernisation be make available which could be enhanced in subsequent years. These loans should be on the terms and conditions which are applicable to SSI Units.

State governments should encourage cooperativisation in the powerloom sector. State level Apex marketing institutions be encouraged for marketing activities.

Repair of D.T.C. Buses

2793. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of D.T.C. buses which are out of order/damaged and are standing idle in various depots as on January 31,1992, depot-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to get them repaired at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Depot-wise details of DTC buses which were out of order/damaged as on 31.1.92 are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) Steps have been taken to ensure scheduled outshedding of 90% buses. The D.T.C. follows a two-tier unit replacement based maintenance management system where in periodical maintenance, day to day repairs, various dockings, unit replacement, etc. are taking place at the first tier i.e. the depot workshop. Reconditioning of assemblies, retreading/repairs of tyres, major/accidental repairs, etc. are taken up at the second tier, i.e. Central Workshops.

For the above tasks, about 10% of the vehicles are daily detained (except on Saturdays, Sundays, Gazetted Holidays) in Depot Workshops for various preventive maintenance, activities/docking i.e. 8000 kms., 24,000 kms MVI and accident/major repairs etc.

STATEMENT

Depot	*Number of buses out of order/damaged*
Nand Nagri Depot	2
Patpar Ganj Depot	5
Shahdara Depot-II	2
Dhichaun Kalan Depot	6
Hari Nagar Depot-II	3
Shadipur Depot	2
Peera Garhi Depot	3
G.T. Karnal Depot	1
Wazirpur Depot-II	2
Rohini Depot-I	1
Kalkaji Depot	3
Okhla Depot-I	1
Sarojini Nagar Depot	1
Banda Bahadur Marg Depot-I	6
Noida Depot	3
Shahdara Depot-I	3
Yamuna Vihar Depot	1
Hari Nagar Depot-I	1
Hari Nagar Depot-III	1
Raja Garden Depot	1
Bawana Depot	1